

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' amendment filed June 28, 2010 is acknowledged. Claims 14-15 are deleted. Claims 1 and 18 are amended. Claims 19-21 are added. Now, Claims 1-13 and 16-21 are pending.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Brian H. Kentshire on September 30, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 12 (lines 1-2), replace "the aqueous dispersion of film-forming polymer used in the coating composition of claim 1" with – an aqueous dispersion of film-forming polymer --.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-13 and 16-21 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present claims are allowable for at least the following reason(s) over the closest reference: Yanutola (US 2005 0014886)

Yanutola discloses a composition for coating a substrate, which comprises an aqueous dispersion of a film-forming polymer such as acrylic polymer, etc. and a sufficient amount of a silicone polyether ([0001], [0015]-[0016], [0030]-[0033] and [0050]-[0061]) However, Yanutola does not teach or fairly suggest the presently claimed coating composition comprising the silicone polyether where the composition provides for a hydrophilic coating composition with a wetting angle of less than 40° on a hydrophobic support.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck, can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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